

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-34 are subject to restriction and an election requirement.

Response to Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required a restriction of the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 from the following groups:

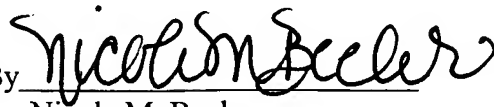
- I. Claims 1-7 and 12 drawn to thieno[2,3]pyrimidin-4-ones of formula I and simple compositions thereof.
- II. Claims 8-11 and 21-34, drawn to methods of treatment utilizing compounds of formula I and compositions thereof.
- III. Claims 13-20, drawn to complex compositions with the compounds of Group I and an additional active ingredient.

The Examiner suggests that the claims of Groups I-III do not relate to a single general inventive concept, and would present a serious search and examination burden if restriction were not required.

Applicants respectfully elect Group I for examination. Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 1-7 and 12 are encompassed by the elected invention.

If a telephonic communication with the Applicants' representative will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone the representative indicated below. Applicants believe no additional fees are due but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this response to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

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